

CLARITY IN CHAOS

WHOSE VISION FOR THE UNIVERSE WILL PREVAIL?

“We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. . . . Let there be more earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers.”

—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 714.

This year, *Liberty* magazine celebrates an extraordinary milestone—120 years of sharing the Seventh-day Adventist message of religious freedom with lawmakers, judges, attorneys, and community leaders across North America. That’s something worth celebrating! *Liberty* is the world’s oldest journal dedicated to religious liberty, and more importantly, it represents our church’s unwavering commitment to defending freedom of conscience for all people.

Yet even as we celebrate, we recognize that religious liberty in North America faces mounting challenges. Some voices claim religious freedom is nothing more than a “cover for bigotry.” Others seek to dismantle the vital protections of church-state separation—the very protections that have allowed freedom of belief to flourish.

The Seventh-day Adventist message of religious liberty rejects both extremes. It is a message rooted in Scripture, reminding us to look beyond the turmoil of earthly kingdoms to the hope of Christ’s coming kingdom.

In Revelation 12, John unveils a cosmic conflict that has raged since

before Earth’s creation: “*And there was war in heaven...*.” The Greek word for “war” here is *polemos*—the root of our word “polemics.” At its core, this Great Controversy is a battle of ideas, of truth, of competing ideologies. The question at stake: Whose vision for the universe will prevail—God’s or Satan’s?

This eternal backdrop gives us perspective on today’s conflicts over religious freedom. Threats will come, challenges will multiply—but we stand in confidence, knowing Christ has already won the ultimate victory.

On Religious Liberty Sabbath, we celebrate this hope-filled message. It gives us clarity in a world of chaos and a mission to share it with a society that needs it more than ever.

Your offering today directly supports efforts to defend religious freedom in courts and legislatures across the North American Division. These vital rights include:

- ▶ The freedom to speak and act on our beliefs in public.
- ▶ The ability to run our schools and institutions according to our Seventh-day Adventist identity.
- ▶ The right to honor God by keeping the Sabbath, even in the workplace.

Thank you for standing with us in sharing this God-given gift of liberty of conscience. Thank for your offering and your sponsored subscriptions to *Liberty* magazine. Together, through prayer and action, we can continue to hold high the “banner of truth and religious liberty” until our Lord returns. (*Acts of the Apostle*, 68).

PLEASE JOIN US IN DEFENDING THIS GOD-GIVEN BUT FRAGILE RIGHT. YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWS US TO:

- ▶ Defend religious liberty in the courts.
- ▶ Advocate directly with lawmakers in Congress and state capitals.
- ▶ Support church members facing religious discrimination in the workplace.
- ▶ Send *Liberty* magazine to judges and elected officials across the nation.

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Your Religious Liberty Offering will sponsor *Liberty* magazine subscriptions to high-level government officials, federal, state, and provincial judges, and prominent social and religious leaders throughout North America. Your generous gift will also be used to support the North American Division litigation fund—resources needed to defend and preserve your religious liberty in court when necessary. And a portion of your offering is returned to your local union to aid in religious liberty promotion and education.

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